

It is simply not in the public interest to commandeer the airwaves with a blatantly partisan political message a few days before a presidential election. Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to do just that by preempting regular programming on all of their stations and instead showing the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor" (see www.stolenhonor.com).

The American people rely on the FCC to ensure that the television and radio stations present us with the objective information about the candidates and the issues necessary to make democracy work. While it is nearly impossible to truly identify and eliminate all political bias from the media before an election, the FCC has a duty to limit particularly egregious examples like Sinclair's.

Sinclair's First Amendment rights are important. However, they must not abuse these rights in order to sway a presidential election in any direction. Unless the FCC steps in by either preventing the broadcast or requiring equal time for the opposing viewpoint, the rights of millions of American voters and television viewers will be violated. Whose rights are more important, those of the public or those of Sinclair Broadcasting?